



# House of Representatives

**File No. 818**

General Assembly

January Session, 2001

**(Reprint of File Nos. 119 and 588)**

Substitute House Bill No. 6271  
As Amended by House Amendment  
Schedule "A"

Approved by the Legislative Commissioner  
May 25, 2001

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOISE REGULATION OF THE UCONN  
STADIUM AT RENTSCHLER FIELD IN EAST HARTFORD.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General  
Assembly convened:

1       Section 1. Subsection (b) of section 32-664 of the general statutes is  
2       repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

3       (b) Each license, permit and approval required or permitted to be  
4       issued and each administrative action required or permitted to be  
5       taken pursuant to the general statutes in connection with the overall  
6       project shall be issued or taken upon application to the particular  
7       commissioner or commissioners having the jurisdiction over such  
8       license, permit, approval or other administrative action or such other  
9       state official as such commissioner shall designate. No agency,  
10      commission, council, committee, panel or other body whatsoever other  
11      than such commissioner shall have jurisdiction over or cognizance of  
12      any licenses, permits, approvals or administrative actions concerning  
13      the overall project. No notice of any tentative determination or any  
14      final determination regarding any such license, permit, approval or  
15      administrative action and no notice of any such license, permit,

16 approval or administrative action shall be required except as expressly  
17 provided in this section. No ordinance, law or regulation adopted by,  
18 or authority granted to, any municipality or any other political  
19 subdivision of the state shall apply to the overall project, except that  
20 the stadium facility and the stadium facility project shall comply with  
21 the provisions of any local noise ordinance that embraces the ambient  
22 noise standard, as provided in section 22a-69, except that such local  
23 noise ordinance shall not apply to The University of Connecticut  
24 sporting events. Any enforcement action shall be based on objective  
25 scientific measurements.

26 Sec. 2. Subsection (b) of section 32-665 of the general statutes is  
27 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

28 (b) The operation of the convention center, the stadium facility and  
29 the related parking facilities shall be subject to applicable ordinances,  
30 laws or regulations relating to state facilities, provided the operation of  
31 the convention center, stadium facility and the related parking  
32 facilities shall not be subject to the following provisions of the general  
33 statutes, including any regulations adopted thereunder: Sections 4a-1  
34 to 4a-59a, inclusive, title 4b, chapter 97a, and sections 10-303 and 14-  
35 311 to 14-314c, inclusive. [For the purposes of subsection (g) of section  
36 22a-68, the activities at the stadium facility shall be deemed sanctioned  
37 by the state.]

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either House thereof for any purpose:

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**OFA Fiscal Note**

**State Impact:** None

**Affected Agencies:** University of Connecticut, Department of Environmental Protection

**Municipal Impact:** None

House "A" was technical and has no fiscal impact.

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**OLR Amended Bill Analysis**

sHB 6271 (as amended by House "A")\*

**AN ACT CONCERNING NOISE REGULATION OF THE UCONN STADIUM AT RENTSCHLER FIELD IN EAST HARTFORD.****SUMMARY:**

This bill makes the University of Connecticut (UConn) football stadium facility in East Hartford subject to local noise ordinances that are consistent with state ambient noise standards, but it exempts UConn sporting events from such ordinances. The bill covers the stadium, related parking facilities, project construction, and site preparation. It requires noise ordinance enforcement to be based on objective scientific measurements.

Current law exempts the overall Adriaen's Landing project from municipal laws, ordinances, and regulations. By law, the environmental protection commissioner must approve any local noise ordinance before it goes into effect.

The bill also makes all activities at the stadium facility, including UConn sporting events, subject to state noise regulation by repealing a related provision that made facility activities exempt from the noise pollution control statute.

\*House Amendment "A" narrows the scope of the bill to the East Hartford stadium project, rather than the entire Adriaen's Landing project. The amendment also requires enforcement to be based on objective scientific measurements and repeals the law exempting facility activities from state noise control.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 1, 2001

**BACKGROUND*****Legislative History***

The House referred the bill (File 119) to the Environment Committee

on April 11. On April 19, the committee reported out the substitute bill (File 588) with (1) the specific requirement that noise ordinances be consistent with the state ambient noise standards and (2) the exemption for UConn sporting events.

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

## Planning and Development Committee

Joint Favorable Report

Yea 18      Nay 0

## Environment Committee

Joint Favorable Substitute

Yea 22      Nay 4